MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) None.

(*b*) This does not arise

Vernacular iddle School, Kattathurai.

39. ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of pupils in the Government V. M. School Kattathurai, Attoor pakuthy, Kalkulam taluk;

(*b*) the total number of pupils whose mother-tongue is Tamil;

(*c*) whether Tamil is the medium of instruction in any of the classes; and

(*d*) whether the public of that locality are petitioning the authorities from the year 1100 to introduce Tamil as the medium of instruction in that school?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 357.

(*b*) 203.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes; it was ordered that the question of opening Tamil classes in the school would be considered if and when the people provide at their cost the necessary additional accommodation for the school. The public have not put up any additional building yet.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: With reference to answer to part (*d*), may I know whether the order of the Government was communicated to the public?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: People concerned have been informed.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know how they were informed?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Through the officers on the spot.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the date on which they were informed?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I am sorry, I have not got that information with me now.

PRESIDENT: I think official members must have the necessary papers with them.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether there are any special reasons why in a school where there are 203 Tamil students out of a total of 357, Tamil is not introduced as the medium of instruction?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: There was no serious protest. The school was begun as a Malayalam school and people were willing to educate their children with Malayalam as the medium.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know whether there is any petition for granting permission to hold a Malayalam school adjoining the very same school for the convenience of Malayalam speaking people?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I am not aware of it.

Head Pandit in the Curator's Office.

40. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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